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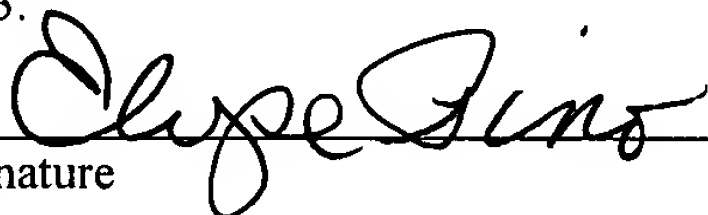
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Sir:

This is in response to *the specific aspects of* the Office Action mailed May 29, 2003 (Paper No.7), given a two-month response period:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this response and include both attached replacement sheets (formal drawings) and copies of the informal drawings.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this response.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 4 of this response.